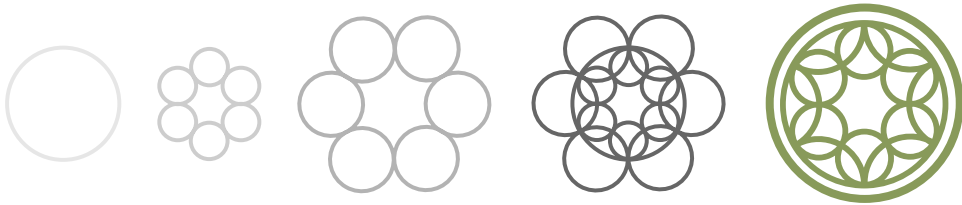




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

OCTOBER 31, 2021

WELCOME TO NEW CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



New City is a collection of people of all ages and professions, from a wide variety of spiritual and social backgrounds. We embrace Jesus' claims to be true and transformational. We also believe the central message of the Bible is the good news, or "gospel," of a God who created us for Himself and desires us to live fully as we enjoy relationship with Him and with each other.

The Bible's radical message of grace centers on Jesus and creates a new city comprised of renewed individuals living not for themselves but for the God who redeems. For this reason, New City exists to be a community rooted in truth, real in conversation, and hopeful for deep renewal in our lives and our city.

As the Senior Pastor of New City, it is my privilege to welcome you and to invite you to be astonished, together with us, by the splendor and grace of God.



Rev. Ryan McVicar

NEW CITY VISION & VALUES

*To be people in awe of God, made new by the gospel,
for the sake of people throughout our city, the nations,
and the generations to come.*

Our vision leads us to hold closely three values that shape our life and ministry as a church:

ROOTED CONVICTION in the truths of God's Word

REAL CONVERSATION as we engage the gospel, culture, and each other

RENEWAL OF THE CITY as we live and do life in relationship with God

God always comes to us before we can come to Him'. Biblical worship is a response to God's gracious revelation of Himself, calling us to worship.

The Prayer of Invocation is a humble yet earnest calling upon God to reveal Himself and bless us as we gather to worship.



CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Martin Bucer (1491–1551)

Eternal God, gracious Father, your will is that we work together to create places among your people in which your word and teaching may be preserved and spread. Grant us your help, who are gathered here in your name, so that all we say or do may serve to make your glory known and contribute to the good of your church. Through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Martin Luther, tr. Frederick H. Hedge.
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A Mighty Fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

If we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side; the man of God's own choosing:
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
The Lord of Hosts, His name, from age to age the same.
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;

MEN: *A Mighty Fortress is our God,*

WOMEN: *His Kingdom is forever!*

If we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing.

Baptism is the washing with water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to signify and seal three spiritual realities:

- 1) Our ingrafting into the body of Christ.
- 2) Our partaking of the covenant of grace.
- 3) Our engagement to be the Lord's

THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Today, we are delighted to celebrate the baptism of *Luke James Snider & Matt Jason Snider.*

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

We are privileged to receive the newest members of New City Presbyterian Church this morning: Joel & Lauren Ang, William Ball & Alexi Flore, Asa Bailey, Caleb Bossenbroek, Hannah Bossenbroek, Hunter & Lauren Coe, Ian & Erin Dudek, Christian & Ann Grace Fenton, Lily Hesano, Ella Hesano, Peter Jeromin, Freya Lantrip, Ed & Gloria Lee, Linhuo (Luke) Shi & Rebecca Ruihua Han, Luke Snider, Matthew Snider, Sam and Katelyn Spencer, and Ai-Yu Tsang.

MEMBERSHIP VOWS:

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the follower of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?



HYMN OF PRAISE

Begone Unbelief

John Newton. 1803, Public Domain

Begone unbelief, my Savior is near, and for my relief will surely appear:

By faith let me wrestle, with God in the storm

And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn,

And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn.

Though dark be my way, since He is my guide, 'tis mine to obey, and His to provide;

Though cisterns be broken, and creatures all fail,

The Word he has spoken will surely prevail,

The Word he has spoken will surely prevail.

/// Begone unbelief, the Savior is here ///

Though cisterns be broken and creatures all fail,

The Word he has spoken will surely prevail,

The Word he has spoken will surely prevail.

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Why should I complain, of want or distress, temptation or pain? He told me no less.
The heirs of salvation, I know from his word,
Through much tribulation must follow their Lord,
Through much tribulation must follow their Lord.

Since all that I meet will work for my good, the bitter is sweet, the medicine food;
Though painful at present, will cease before long,
And then, O how glorious, the Conqueror's song,
And then, O how glorious, the Conqueror's song!

During the remainder of our worship service, preschool-aged children are welcome to stay with their parents in the Sanctuary, or will now be dismissed to attend Kids' Bible Time.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITING US?

We would love to know more about you and how to serve you. Please scan this QR code with your smartphone to let us know you came and so that we can follow-up with you.



All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependence, and our commitment to join God in His work of renewal.

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Thomas Ken.
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The word "doxology" comes from the Greek translation of the Old Testament word for worship. Throughout our service, we respond to the gospel of God's grace with songs of praise!

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

John Knox (1514-1572)

In anticipation of the proclamation of God's Word, we lift a prayer to God asking Him to speak to us through His living Word.

Almighty God, and most merciful Father, we humbly submit ourselves to you and bow down before your majesty, praying from the bottom of our hearts that the seed of your word, which you will sow within us, may take such deep root, that the burning heat of persecution may not cause it to wither, nor the thorny cares of this life choke it, but that, as seed sown in good ground, it may bring forth thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold, according to the direction of your heavenly wisdom. And, because we continually need to look for many things from your hand, we humbly ask for your Holy Spirit to direct our requests, so that they may proceed from truthful intentions that are in agreement with your most blessed will. Amen.



THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

When we hear the Word of God proclaimed and preached, we are listening to the voice of God. The Holy Spirit makes the inspired texts and spoken words the chief means of nourishing and comforting God's people, and awakening others to new faith.

Revelation 3:14-22 (ESV)

¹⁴ "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

¹⁵ "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹ The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"

PREACHER
ALL

The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the Word of our God stands forever.



The Haunted House

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion—also known as the Lord’s Supper—has always been a common, shared, joyous family meal. This meal is for those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ; for those Baptized Christians who trust in His once-for-all sacrificial death upon the cross for their salvation. When we celebrate this feast, we commune with the risen Lord Jesus who stands as our host to offer spiritual nourishment, renewal and life. We also commune with one another, participating together in the reconciling grace of God.

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus and who have publicly professed their faith as members of a Christian congregation. At New City, we ask our children not to take communion until they have met with the elders to share of their faith in Christ, although all children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing and a word of encouragement. If you are not a Christian, we encourage you to spend this time reflecting on the prayers below in the hopes that a relationship with Jesus and membership in His Church may be considered.

You will be directed to make your way to one of the four stations in our sanctuary where you will receive the bread and the wine (gluten-free cracker and grape juice available). Please take it back to your place so we can partake together.

**Jesus is truly and spiritually present and stands ready to feed you.
Come hungry. Come thirsty. Come ready to be filled.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS FOR PRAYING DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior. Amen.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

I do not presume to come to Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in Your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in Him and He in me. Amen.

The Call To Repentance is an invitation to privately examine and prepare our hearts to confess our sins.

ALL

Because of the gospel, our relationship with God is a relationship in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe. Therefore, with one voice, we are able to openly and sincerely confess our sins to Him.

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God's Word assures us of our forgiveness in Christ, and we cannot but continue in praise to the grace, mercy, and peace offered to us.

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All who can examine themselves regarding their faith and participation in Christ, are invited to participate in the Lord's Table.

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This prayer is offered to set apart the bread and the wine as holy, for the purpose of nourishing us spiritually through our communion with Christ.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Almighty, eternal and righteous God, we humbly thank you for revealing your divine will to us in your law about what we should do and what we should avoid. We also humbly pray, for Christ's sake, that you would work in us true obedience, graciously forgive us all our sins of negligence, and strengthen and lead us by your Holy Spirit that we begin to serve you in new obedience here, until we come to complete holiness before you in that life to come; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Romans 3:23-25

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. [...]

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION John Calvin (1509-1564)

"O God, in your fatherly goodness, you invite us today to receive these holy signs of our peace and reconciliation with you, and your Son, Jesus, who died for us, calls us to himself as he calls all who are weary and carry heavy burdens. Let us approach this table with humble repentance and a thirsty soul that longs for your grace. Strengthen our faith so that, as we receive these visible signs in our hands, we may receive by faith the broken body of Jesus Christ and his blood shed for us. Amen."



HYMN AT THE TABLE

Build My Life

Pat Barrett.

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Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You; We live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You; We live for You

*Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me
In Your love to those around me*

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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The Words of Institution echo Jesus' words at the Last Supper, now inviting us to partake of the Bread and Wine in remembrance of Him.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE BREAD & WINE



SENDING HYMN

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend.
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In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This Gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid: Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Our gathered worship service concludes with God's blessing; a joyful declaration of God's satisfaction in us through Jesus Christ, and a vow to be in fellowship with us as we scatter.

BENEDICTION

BUILDING MAP

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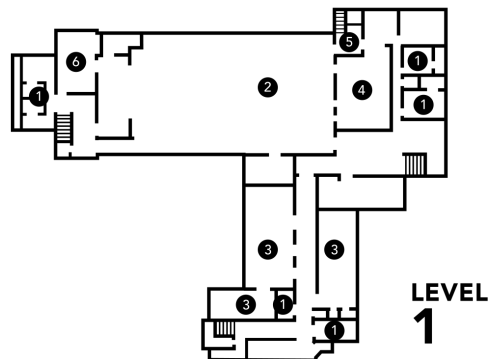
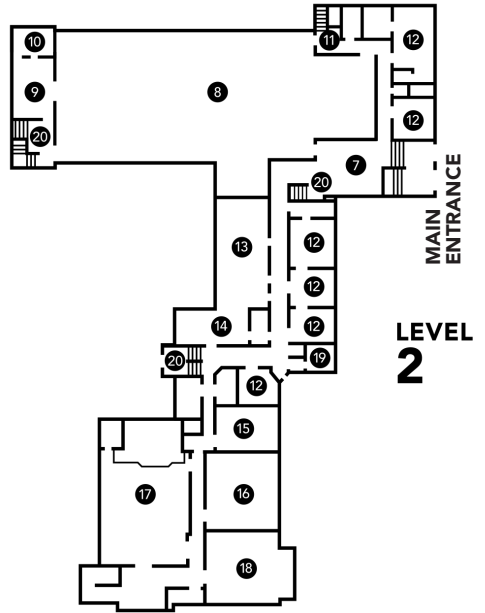
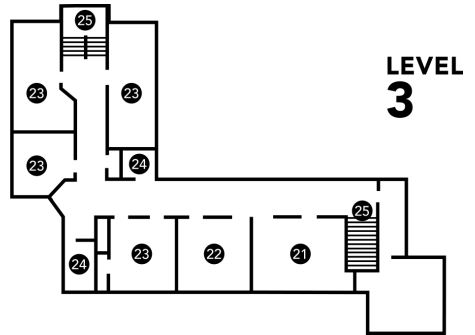
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VISITING US?

Thank you for spending some time with us and getting to know us first-hand! We are excited to finally be in our property and in this season of transition into our beautiful new building. We would love to know more about you and how to serve you. Please scan this QR code with your smartphone to let us know you came and so that we can follow-up with you.



SMALL GROUPS

Our new Small Group season has launched with several groups already meeting, and many new groups to explore. Small Groups are New City's main avenue for cultivating relationships in Christ, and experiencing the deepest blessings of what it means to be in community. For more information scan QR code or visit: **newcitypc.org/smallgroups**



NEED PRAYER?

Our Prayer ministry team seeks to undergird and strengthen New City's congregation, mission, and ministries through prayer. Please let us know how we can pray for you!

